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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to the White House and offer my congratulations for the high achievement you have attained through diligent personal effort.

Your selection as Presidential Scholars provides a fine example for all Americans. You come from every corner of the Nation, and have clearly demonstrated that young men and women everywhere with a true desire to learn and to succeed can do so. You have shown that our young citizens who strive for excellence in their studies also attain the growth of mind and spirit which leads to a more meaningful life with greater opportunity for service to others.

I wish each of you a pleasant visit to the Nation's Capital and a rewarding lifetime in the years to come.

Richard Nixon

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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Each spring nearly three million young Americans graduate from public and private high schools throughout the country. The best students among them traditionally receive scholarships and other prizes for their accomplishments and to encourage them to further develop their talents for their own good and the good of society.

This system of recognition and encouragement has been carried to its ultimate level in the Presidential Scholars program—the highest possible honor for American high school students.

By personally recognizing these truly outstanding young men and women each year, the President honors all American youth of high academic ability, the schools that train them, and ultimately the entire educational enterprise.

Presidential Scholars are chosen with exacting care. They represent the finest intellectual and leadership achievement in their class, and they are indeed worthy to receive the bronze medallions signifying their honor.

The medallions are theirs and the honor is theirs—as, indeed, are the extraordinary abilities and unusual potential that won them Presidential recognition.

But in a larger sense the true beneficiary of this effort is America itself, a country reaching for the highest levels of excellence in every area of human endeavor, a Nation seeking for all its people the maximum opportunity for education to enable them to live lives of challenge, accomplishment, and fulfillment.

The Presidential Scholars program speaks directly to these goals.

—The Commission on Presidential Scholars

Selection Process

The Presidential Scholars are chosen by a group of Americans distinguished in education and public affairs. The Commission on Presidential Scholars selects a boy and a girl from each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and American students overseas. Another 15 are chosen at large. All are picked on the basis of outstanding scholarship and demonstrated leadership capabilities.

There are no applications for the honor. Students automatically become candidates by taking the national test given by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. In this way approximately 1,500,000 students are considered, virtually all who will go to college and certainly all of outstanding record.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which coordinates the selection process under a contract with the Federal Government, examines the qualifications of all candidates, reviewing in detail their school and test records, honors, and activities. Three are chosen for each of the 121 positions and submitted to the Commission for final decisions at its annual meeting in May.

The Chairman of the Commission delivers the list of recommended winners to the President who notifies the students by telegram that he has named them as Presidential Scholars, inviting them to meet at the White House in June for presentation of the medallions.

The award is purely honorary. There are no provisions for financial aid since it is assumed that all Presidential Scholars already have been provided with sufficient assistance from other sources to enable their attendance at college.

Presentation

The Presidential Scholars are brought to Washington a couple of days before the White House presentation ceremony and housed at a local university. The first evening there is a welcoming reception for the Scholars. The occasion is used by Commission representatives to explain to the Scholars the nature of their visit—where they will go, whom they will see—and to answer any questions they might have.

The following day the Scholars are taken on a tour of government that few visitors to the Capital experience. They visit the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court and are given the opportunity to interview highly placed persons such as Cabinet members, Senators, Representatives, and Supreme Court Justices.

The pinnacle of the visit is, of course, the presentation of the medallions, which takes place at the White House followed by a reception. Parents are invited to accompany their sons and daughters to the presentation of the medallions and the reception afterward.

History

The Presidential Scholars program, established in 1964, has identified hundreds of America's ablest students but has uncovered no common formula for genius. Although they shared scholastic eminence, the winners in past years have been as marvelously different as any assortment of individuals can be.

Approximately eight of every 10 have intended to go on to an advanced degree. In particular, they have indicated plans to study law, medicine, mathematics, the physical sciences, politics, and courses in public service.

Favorite reading has included such authors as Camus, Kunen, Cleaver—and the Doonesbury comic strip. The Scholars have widely divergent interests—music and science, philosophy and sports, art and

oceanography, writing and mathematics, drama and current events.

The Scholars are, in brief, not really a "group" of anything. About all you can say with assurance is that they're among the most outstanding young people that we have and that we need them.

1972 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

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Moulton, Alabama
Lawrence County High School

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Birmingham, Alabama

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Santa Monica, California

Colorado

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Boulder High School

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Virginia, Minnesota
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New Brighton, Minnesota
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Columbia Falls High School

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